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SUBJ: PROPOSED NAVAL VISIT TO HODEIDA

1. COMIDEASTFOR HAS PROPOSED THAT DESTROYER USS PAUL
PAY ROUTINE, OPERATIONAL VISIT TO HODEIDA
MAY 1-3. WE HAVE CHECKED INFORMALLY WITH YARG (THROUGH
FONMIN ASNAG) AND IT HAS NO PROBLEM WITH SUCH A VISIT.
NOR CAN WE SEE ANY SIGNIFICANT REASON NOT TO CONCUR,
OTHER THAN LOGISTIC. WE CONTEMPLATE NO CEREMONY OTHER
THAN CALL ON HODEIDA GOVERNOR BY COMMANDING OFFICER.
SHORE PARTIES CAN BE SMALL AND READILY CONTROLLED
SINCE, BECAUSE OF DRAFT, SHIP WILL HAVE TO ANCHOR WELL
OFF SHORE. A ROUTINE NAVAL CALL CAN HARDLY BE CONSTRUED
AS A SIGNAL OF US DIRECT INVOLVEMENT MILITARILY IN
NORTH YEMEN. HOWEVER, WE HAVE ADVISED COMIDEASTFOR
THAT WE WOULD BE SEEKING DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE
BEFORE GIVING FINAL APPROVAL. PLEASE REPLY PRIORITY
AS TIMING NOW VERY TIGHT.
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